



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Meeting Minutes and Action Items: June 2, 2011

Chairman: Schaaf
Others Present: Gordon, Marquez, Marshall, Nicolson, Smith, Brown, Rice
Absent: Glover
City Staff: Aaron Klemm
Commission: Barbara Delgleize
Council Members:
Public: Greg Goran and Derek Yamashita

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved for the May, 2011 meeting, as moved by Smith, seconded by Gordon.

III. Public Comments

None

IV. Informational Items:

High school teacher Greg Goran and student Derek Yamashita were introduced by Sue Gordon. Goran teaches social studies, and sustainability through the HBHS Sustainability club. Founded in 2009 as an extra-curricular club, it is now a class for credit at HBHS. HBHS has approximately 2700 students. They are working on the school's first organic garden. Partners of the school include Surfrider Foundation, Rainbow Disposal, Bolsa Chica Conservancy, Shipley Nature Center, California Plan Society, Hurley, and they have secured \$8000 in grants. A large part of the program is school recycling, as approximately 75% of the school's trash is recyclable. This reduces disposal fees by \$5000-\$8000, and produces revenue of approximately \$500 per month. Another part of the program includes a garden which includes a rain water catch basin, recycled wood raised planters, where they will grow lettuce for a future salad bar. They are also hoping to bring Jamie Oliver into the school to reform other cafeteria food.

V. Action Items:

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Updates and Announcements-

Ballots were passed out to each member for a secret vote for new positions. New chairman is Sue Gordon. New vice chairman is Mike Marshall. New secretary is Kim Nicolson.

The Board's bylaws were reviewed by Marshall and Smith, among others. Marshall recommended that board membership be limited to 9 members. Marshall motioned that we limit the number of board members to nine. The motion unanimously passed.

B. MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATIONS

None.

C. FIELD TRIPS- Bob Smith will contact OC Sanitation District for a possible field trip.

D. GREEN & SOLAR ENERGY COMMITTEE (Smith, Gordon, Marshall)

Smith spoke about the city's energy action plan, and passed around a request for city council action for an agreement with AECOM Technical Services.

Brown spoke about the Green and Solar Energy Committee's last meeting. They would like to initiate a benchmarking program to measure the success of the board, city actions, etc. They will put together a letter to send to council with this information. Smith also presented a 24"x36" poster showing benchmarks of state energy programs.

Solar Update

Parking lot at City Hall is now under construction.

E. COMMUNICATIONS (Glover/Rice/Marquez/Smith)

The Chamber of Commerce and the Sustainability Council will team up.

September 17th is the Green Expo. 10,000 people are expected to attend. Main St. will be closed, and there will be other events going on the same day.

F. ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS (Marshall/Marquez/Schaaf)

SCE will still sponsor an energy efficiency award. Schaaf mentioned SCE's Demand-Response program could be a focus of the award and demand response applicants should be encouraged.

Gordon announced that Rainbow Disposal will sponsor this award and come up with their own criteria.

Marshall suggested the Environmental Award subcommittee meet to craft award documentation for new sponsors.

VI. Administrative Items

A. Correspondence/News Articles/Announcements -

1. Schaaf attended the Energy Efficiency Expo at the Gas Company in Downey on May 10, 2011. Natural Gas HOV stickers are still good for 5 years, while the hybrid stickers expire in July 2011.
2. Marshall recognized the dedicated service of Don Rice who has served for 9 nine years on the environmental board.
3. As of June Rainbow disposal will be upgrading many of their trucks to CNG.

B. Requests to Place Items on the Next Agenda

Alternate fuel planning support letter- Smith suggested that the board write a letter in support of Natural Gas refueling measures. To be placed on next agenda.

VII. Good and Welfare

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned approximately 7:34 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on July 7, 2011 in room B7.